not been implemented so far alongwith the reasons therefor ; and

(d) what steps Government are taking in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NAM AZAD) : (a) As far as Ministe of Parliamentary Affairs is concerned, recruitments to posts, where Direct Recruitment is prescribed are made through Staff Selection Commision and Local Employment Exchange. As such, there is no Selection Committee/Board in this Ministry. As regrards Departmental Promotion Committees one member belonging to SC/ST and one member of the minority community are invariably associated.

(b) and (c) There is no Subordinate/ Attached Office or Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of this Ministry.

(d) The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is following the instructions issued by the Government to safeguard the interests of SC/ST and Minorities.

Off-shore Projects of O.N.G.C.

294. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the O.N. G.C. requires large scale investment to continue its off-shore projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ONGC have proposed an investment programme of more than Rs. 19,000/- crores for various off-shore schemes during the VIIIth Plan.

295. *[Transferred to the 5th March,* 1992]

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Reduction in the outlay on oil sector

297. PROF. SAURIN BHATTA CHARYA : Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has reduced the outlay on oil sector by 20000 crores of rupees in the Eighth Plan ;

(b) if so, what are its likely repercussions on oil exploration and other related activities ;

(c) whether the decision is also likely to effect the savings in foreign exchange and the task of acquiring self-sufficiency in this field ; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to restore the original outlay ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The outlay for the Eighth Plan (1992-97) for the oil sector has not been finalised yet.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shortage of petroleum products in U.P.

298. KUMARI ALIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of Petroleum Products like Petrol, diesel, Kerosene oil in some parts of Distt. Faizabad-Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to maintain the supply of these products in the affected parts of those districts ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) As per reports from the Oil Companies stray cases of shortages of petroleum products in Faizabad district have been reported. Bridging by road has been organised to meet the shortfalls.

Surcharge on Petroleum Products

299. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil Coordination Committee has rejected the reimbursement of surcharge levied by States on petroleum products;

(b) if so, the names of affected States and the rise in prices of petroleum products due to this decision; and

(c) the reduction of deficit in the oil pool account due to the same?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) With the levy/